

Chapter 9:
The Terrifying
Kaiju Fest





SPREE
KILLER'S
ABOUT TO
START!



GRAB
US A
SPOT.

I'M
GONNA
HIT THE
JOHN.

YUP!



MINAMI-
KUN!

YOU
CHANGED!?

AKAISHI-
SAN.





KOU-
TAROU?
THE
BATH-
ROOM.

...I
SEE.

HE'LL
BE
BACK
SOON.



OH...
OHHH!

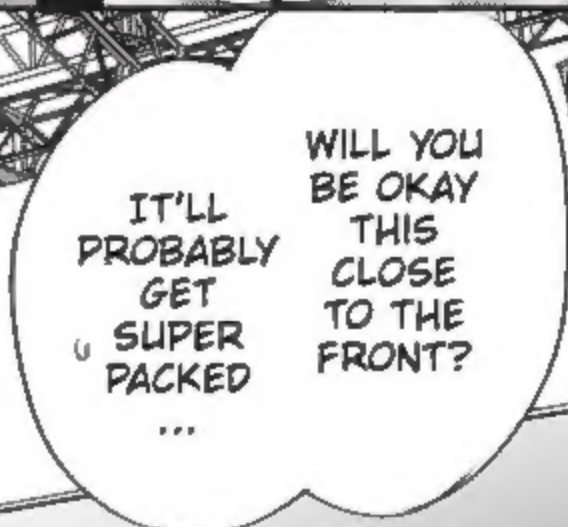


I GOT
OFF WORK
EARLY, SO I
THOUGHT I'D
WATCH TOO.

WHERE
DID THE
OTHER
GUY
GO?



IT'S
FINE. I'M
USED TO
IT.



IT'LL
PROBABLY
GET
SUPER
PACKED

WILL YOU
BE OKAY
THIS
CLOSE
TO THE
FRONT?

...



.....I
SEE.



WAKU
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WAKU

I GO TO
CONCERTS
WITH
KOUTAROU
ALL THE
TIME!

THRASHER



GAH!

DOON
(WHUMP)

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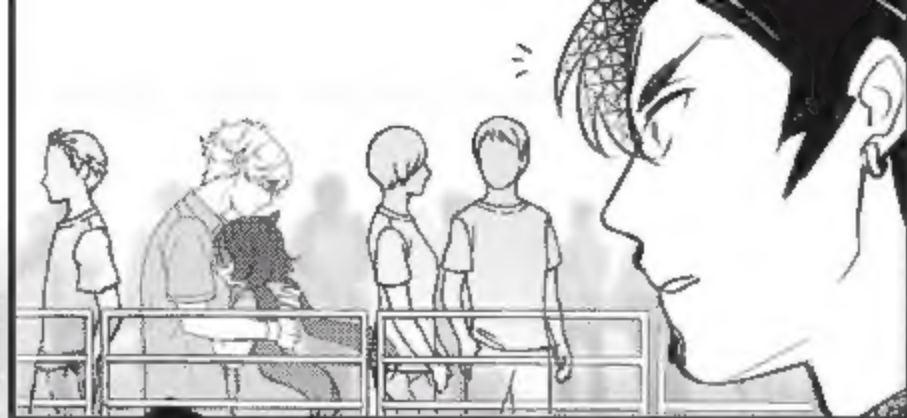
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M-MAYBE
I WILL
MOVE
BACK
A BIT!

SHUBA
(VWIP)

GWI
(TUG)

!?





THAT LI'L
BRAT...!
TAKING
ADVANTAGE
OF THE
CROWD
...!

BU SHOOAAAA
(FWIIISH)

M-M-
M-M-
MINAMI-
KUN...!?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON!?

L-LET
ME
GO...

IT
HURTS
...!



MINAMI-
KUN...!



.....!!



.....YOU
CAN'T,
HUH?



COCKTAIL
H.G. LOUNGE

Hysteric
Village
ISLAND DREAMS



WHY IS IT
DIFFERENT
WITH ME?



...THEN
WHY?

NOT
IN THAT
WAY...!!

NUH...
NO,
UH—!!



...WHEN I
SAW THE
WAY YOU
WERE WITH
THAT GUY,
IT HIT ME.

YOU
ALWAYS
SEEM
UNCOM-
FORTABLE.

...YOU'RE
RESTLESS
WHEN WE'RE
TOGETHER,
AND YOU
KEEP
GLANCING
AROUND.

YOU
AVOID
EYE
CONTACT
...



I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
BECAUSE
YOU WERE
SHY, BUT...

AGAIN...



...IT'S
REALLY...
NOTHING
LIKE THAT
AT ALL...

KOUTAROU'S
LIKE AN
UNCLE TO
ME, SO...

I GAVE
HIM THE
WRONG
IDEA
AGAIN...

CALM
DOWN,
BODY
...!

I HAVE TO
PUT IT INTO
WORDS
PROPERLY.

I KEEP
AVOIDING
YOU
'COS—

...!

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%...
BIRI
(RIP)



**BUT
IT'S NOT
BECAUSE
I DON'T
LIKE
HIM.**

**WHEN
I'M ALONE
WITH HIM,
I START
ACTING
WEIRD.**

**I CAN'T
LOOK
MINAMI-
KUN IN
THE EYE.**



**I'VE
STARTED
TO ENJOY
THINKING
ABOUT
TOMORROW.**

THIS
SMELLS
NICE...



**I BOUGHT
EXPENSIVE
SHAMPOO...**

**...AND
WORKED UP
THE COURAGE
TO GO INTO
CLOTHING
STORES THAT
WEREN'T MY
STYLE.**

THAT
OUTFIT
SUITS
YOU.



**I EVEN
CRIED WHEN
THE FIRST
COOKIES I
EVER BAKED
TASTED
AWFUL...**

UGH!





...I
LOVE
MINAMI-
KUN!!

AND
IT'S
ALL
'COS
...

IT'S
HARU-
GON!!

ZUN
(WHUD?)

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E E E E K!!

RUUUUN!!

AAAH!!

AAAH!

E E E K!

AKAISHI-
SAN'S—

YEAH,
I KNOW.

FOR
NOW, GET
YOURSELF
TO SAFETY!

ARE YOU
FRIGGIN'
KIDDING
ME...?

KURROO!!

WHERE'D
YOU
GO!?

AKAISHI-
SAAAN!!

HAH!





HEY!!

WHADDAYA
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING!?

はっ!!
BA
(FWIP)



FU
(PSW)

I'LL LOOK
FOR HER!
YOU
HURRY UP
AND—



WHERE
DID YOU
GO,
AKAISHI-
SAN...?



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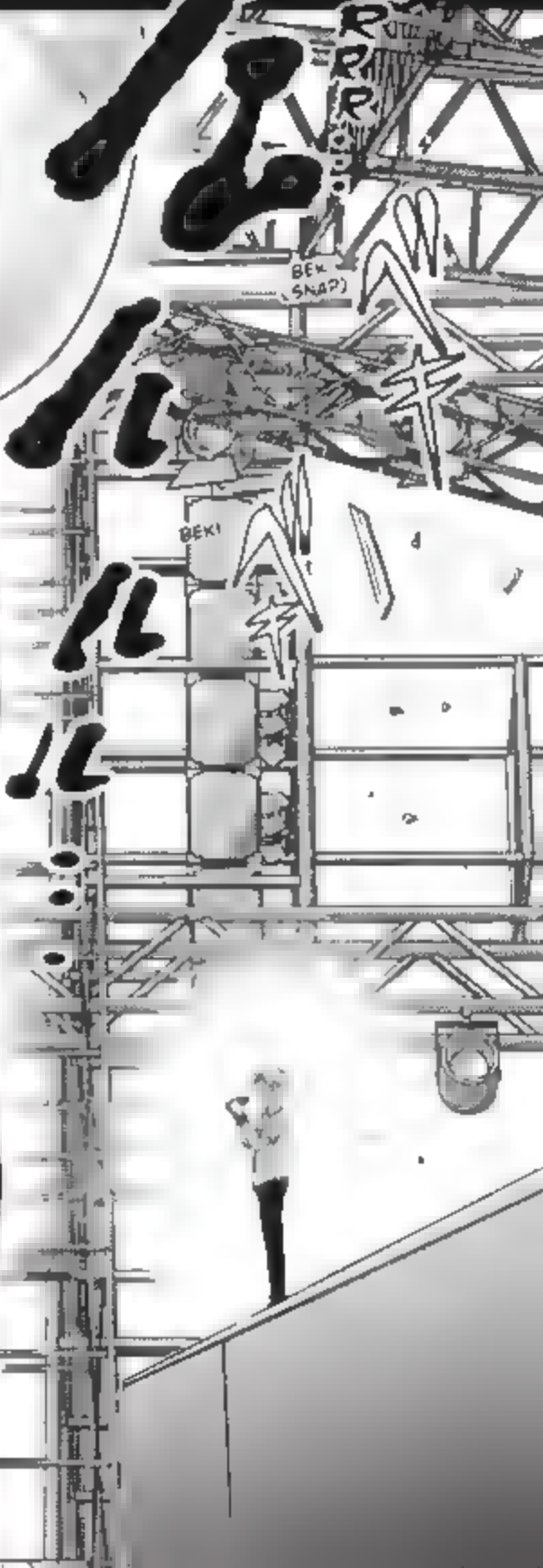
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BEK (SNAP)

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HUH?

GRRRR...

THEY'RE
HERE...
THOSE
PESTS.

...
HUH!?

LEAVE
ME
ALONE!!





KURO'S
PROBABLY
IN THERE
TOO.

HURRY
UP,
MOVE
IT!!

WE'RE
GONNA GET
CRUSHED!!

EEEEK

PEOPLE
ARE
MOBBING
THE GATES.
NOBODY'S
GETTING
THROUGH
THEM
ANYMORE.

...IF IT HEADS
OVER THERE,
WE'LL HAVE A
TRAGEDY ON
OUR HANDS.

FOR NOW,
THE JSDF IS
DISTRACTING
THE KAIJU,
BUT...

DON'T
PUSH!

HEY!!

...AND
LURE THE
KAIJU AWAY
FROM THE
CROWD!

I'LL
ACT AS
BAIT...





...AND
THEN IT
LEAVES
LIKE IT'S
RUNNING
AWAY.

THAT
KAIJU
ALWAYS
GAZES AT
ME...

IT MIGHT
BE TRYING
TO TELL
ME SOME-
THING.

NO, I'M
SERIOUS.

...I WAS
RIGHT BY
ITS FEET
BOTH
TIMES.

...AND
WHEN IT
SHOWED
UP AT MY
SCHOOL
.....!

WHEN
HARLIGON
FIRST
APPEARED
IN TOKYO...



**I
DON'T
CARE!**

YOU'LL GET
STOMPED
FLAT, AND
THE WHOLE
WORLD WILL
THINK
YOU'RE AN
IDIOT.

IT'S ALL
IN YOUR
HEAD!
DON'T
DO IT!

.....





THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT
TO TELL
AKAISHI-
SAN TOO.

GRA
OOO



OOOR
GH!



MINAMI-
KUN!

MINAMI-
KUN,
WHERE
ARE
YOU?

I DON'T
WANT TO
RAMPAGE
AROUND
LIKE THIS,
BUT I
CAN'T
STOP.

EVEN MY
HEART IS
BECOMING
LIKE A
KAIJU'S...

HFF

HFF

BEKI
(CRUNCH)

BEKI



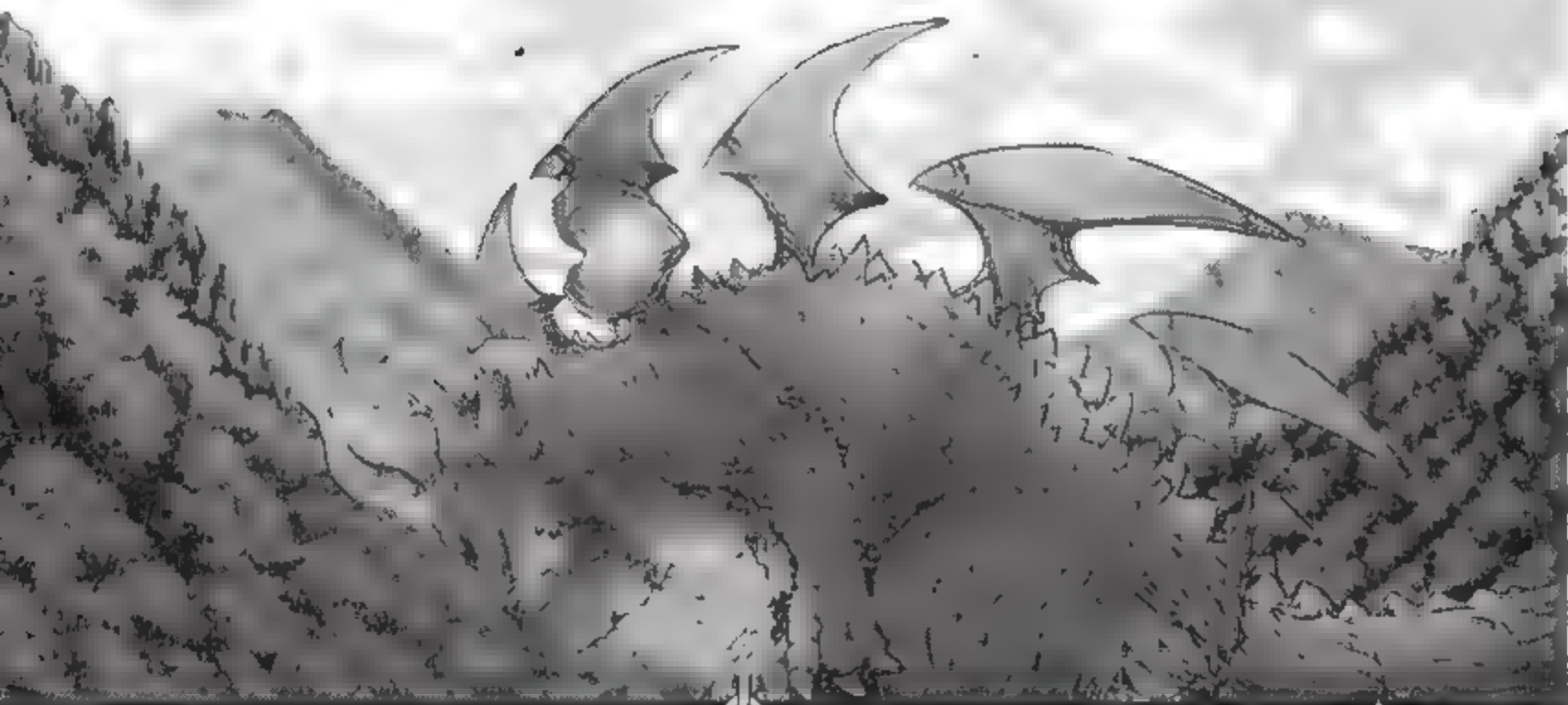
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H!

AHHH...
IF THIS
WAS HOW
IT WAS
GOING TO
BE...

...I WISH
I'D TOLD
HIM HOW I
FELT RIGHT
THEN AND
THERE.



**CAN I
EVEN...
GO BACK
TO BEING
HUMAN
...?**



**Everyone is
exchanging
looks of
relief...**

**The
worst-case
scenario
seems to
have been
averted!**

**Have the
attacks
finally
begun
working
!!?**

**The
kaiju has
stopped
moving!**



MINAMI!

はっ
BA
(FWIP)

**THIS
ISN'T
GOOD!**

...OBVIOUSLY.

I'VE NEVER
ONCE LOOKED
AT KURO AS
A WOMAN.

**QUIT
WORRY-
ING!**

...YES,
SIR!

**DON'T
YOU DARE
MAKE
KURO
CRY!**

**YOU
BETTER
COME
BACK.**

The
kaiju has
begun its
rampage
again!!

Due
to the
crowd,
the JSDF
is unable
to open
fire.

For
now,
we're
pulling
back as
well!

HARGON!





I'M
SORRY...

...FOR
RUNNING
AWAY
BACK
THERE.



YOU
HAVE...



GRRR...



...SOME
SORT OF
BUSINESS
WITH ME,
DON'T
YOU?





KOUTA-ROU-SAN...

YOU WERE RIGHT

IT WAS ALL IN MY HEAD!!!

RUN RUN!!



....!

うら
HIRA
(FLUTTER)

JUST A
MOMENT,
HARU-
GON!

BARA
(THP)

BARA

BARA

THAT
BOY IS
MY
FRIEND!

LET
HIM GO,
WON'T
YOU!?



BASAA
(CLAP)

YOU CAN
STOMP ME
FLAT IN HIS
PLACE!
♡♡

MANATSU-
SAN!?